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SUBJ: STAN KENTON PERFORMANCE

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 15, AMERICAN JAZZ MUSICIAN STAN KENTON AND HIS BAND PERFORMED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN POLAND BEFORE AN ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE AT WARSAW'S "STODOLA" STUDENT CLUB. A STANDING ROOM-ONLY CROWD OF OVER 500 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND OTHER JAZZ FANS WAS HELD SPELLBOUND BY THE "BIG BAND" SOUND OF THE KENTON GROUP, WHICH CONSISTS LARGELY OF RECENT GRADUATES OF U.S. UNIVERSITY MUSIC SCHOOLS. THE YOUTH OF KENTON'S BAND WAS UNDOUBTEDLY A FACTOR IN ESTABLISHING IMMEDIATE RAPPORT WITH THE POLISH STUDENT AUDIENCE. THE RELAXED, INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH DOMINATED THE CONCERT CONTINUED IN A MIDNIGHT JAM SESSION, AS AMERICAN AND POLISH MUSICIANS HARMONIZED THROUGH THE EARLY MORNING HOURS BEFORE A DIMINISHED BUT NO LESS ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE.

2. STAN KENTON'S WARSAW APPEARANCE SERVED AS A PRELUDE TO THE ANNUAL "JAZZ JAMBOREE" TO BE HELD IN WARSAW FROM OCTOBER 26 TO 29. BENNY GOODMAN AND HIS ORCHESTRA WILL PROVIDE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S JAMBOREE WITH AN APPEARANCE ON OCTOBER 24 AT THE SALA KONGRESOWA. ALSO SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE ARE MUDDY WATERS AND GIL EVANS BAND.

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